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what teach
Totally uneducated prospect? How start.
Spiritual Worship
THE PRESENCE OF GOD (in our worship)

I. "GOD IN THE HEART:" * Acts 17:24-28.

Exercise in meditation: Pause---silence!!! Hear anything? See anyone? Feel ????

Present with us: An unseen guest. * Matt. 18:20. JESUS !!!

DO: Take 59 sec. just to think about His presence.

Comfortable?

1. LIFE'S GRANDEST SEARCH: To find God, so we can live, move and have our being in Him--- and --- enjoy the finest life possible.

AS man has always searched for God, so God has also always searched for man.

Note: Parents present: "Know where your children are?" Why? Love them, care for them, concerned always about them. God's relationship to us the same!

Ill. Johnny Cash still longs for some kind of fellowship with his long-lost brother. Quote: * Art in Parade. P. 5. (6-11-95)

Ill. I still crave a relationship with my youngest son - died 8 yrs. ago of leukemia. I'll never be content until I'm with him again in Heaven some day.

Ill. Man, as a child, has an inborn craving (like that) to be with his Heavenly Father. * Ps. 42:1-2.

2. God is more than "not very far from everyone of us"! Universal! near, around, above, below, beside and IN you.....

a. * Ps. 139:7-14

* Phil. 2:5.

* I John 4:11-16.

God is in you.

b. God is related to us in one of three states: (1. Dormant-status. (2. Incidental.

(3. Alive: active, real and dynamic-in thoughts, words, songs, worship & study.

OUR
QUESTION: How much difference does BEING IN GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORSHIP and GOD'S PRESENCE BEING IN US IN WORSHIP make in our life...everyday living?

ANSWER: Diff. in success & failure in life. Diff. in the Abundant Life and a so-so and probably miserable life. Diff. in Joy and Sadness. Diff. in Eternal Happiness and Eternal Misery.

II. FINDING GOD IN LIFE AND WORSHIP EQUIPS US WITH THE ABUNDANT LIFE NOW AND ETERNAL LIFE HEREAFTER.

How?

A. There are FOUR benefits derived in worship to our God. Really numerous others.

1. A proper sense of AWE of the almighty.

2. A proper sense of GRATITUDE to the almighty.

3. A proper sense of EVALUATION in comparison to the almighty.

4. A proper sense of CORRECT HUMAN BEHAVIOR before the almighty.

B. AWE: Bible lessons, stories and sermons about God's Creative Power and His Power of miracles....Amaze us....Astonish us....and Inspire us. Little boy, He can do anything!

C. GRATITUDE: Promise: * Jas. 1:17 * Matt. 6:33--Promise. Ps. 34:8. Taste.

D. SELF-EVALUATION: Guilt and shame surround us when we compare our lives to the lives of the Heroes of the Faith: Jesus, Paul, Noah, Abraham and Moses. Need a lot of Phil. 4:13.

E. CORRECT HUMAN BEHAVIOR: * Matt. 7:13-14. much less God + Christ!

1. (OVER) --

it right," said
in Reno just
som Prison,
another. I'm
rounds with
to me now."

downers with alcohol to sur-
vive the pressure of life on the
road. He got arrested at the
Mexican border for drug pos-
session and wrecked many of
the cars he owned. He even
sank two boats. In 1965 he
smashed some footlights at the
Grand Ole Opry and for a time
wasn't welcome there any-
more. His voice and his health
began to go. He drifted in and
out of sobriety. In 1967 he
reached bottom. There seemed
no way out.

Then he had a strange ex-
perience, an epiphany, and he
began his long journey back.
I asked about it.

"I was on amphetamines,"
he said, not happily. "I'd been
up five, six nights without
sleep and hadn't eaten. My
wife was divorcing me. I was
in really bad shape. I wasn't
getting along with June. I went
down to this friend who lived
out in the country, near Chatta-
nooga, to hide out. Nearby is
the Nickajack Cave. It goes for
miles. I drove my Jeep there
one night. Had my flashlight.
The place was flooded with
moonlight at the entrance.

"With my flashlight, I went
walking in this cave. I knew I
was going as far into this cave
as I could until the flashlight
burned out. When it finally

1. The MAIN goal in CORRECT HUMAN BEHAVIOR starts in the heart:

- a. * Matt. 5:8. Pure in heart -- the well-spring of all Christian behavior. * Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart.... A right-heart is right only because God is there! ^{MIND}
- b. Ill. Farmer put in a crop of corn late one spring -- wet season. At roasting-ear time he didn't have any. Neighbor, on higher ground, did. Went out with a tow-sack into his neighbor's corn-field to steal some. Son was with him. He looked left, right, backwards and forward. Started pulling corn. Son tugged on his pants leg. Said, "Daddy, you didn't look up!" Emptied sack and left the field. Had taught his son the "fear of God". Came in handy. Bought some !! cheap.
- c. Ill. Elza McFadden, McFadden, Ark. - 2 1/2 miles NE of Beedeville. 8 miles from Goardneck. 38 miles SE of Newport, Ark. where Sam Walton of Wal-Marts started his business career.
His hired spray-plane over-shot his field and sprayed some weed-killer in neighbor's soybean fields. She threatened lawsuit. Bro. McFadden replied, "Honey, determine the damages and send me the bill. I'll pay whatever you say." Turned the other cheek. Result: She had a bumper crop. Apologized !! Christ makes and keeps everybody happy - if they will pay attention.

INV. WHAT KIND OF LIFE HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING?

HOW SERIOUSLY HAVE YOU BEEN TAKING YOUR Bible School lessons and worship to the Lord? Happy with your life??

1. If not a Christian-how could you be! GOD IS NOT HAPPY WITH YOUR STATE. ^{either}
2. If lived sub-par life or neglected your HIGH calling in life. God not pleased
3. If not settled in with a body of God's children; there is a vital step you need to take today. Identify with fellow Christians.

RECOMMEND Johnny Cash's current status: * Article p. 5.

ARE YOU FEELING GOOD ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO GOD? CAN!

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